



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
16 EDISON DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04330

MICHAEL F. KELLY
COMMISSIONER

JAY BRADSHAW
DIRECTOR

**Investigations Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2000
Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta**

Meeting Minutes

Present: S. Leach, R. Doughty

Staff: D. White; B. Montejo

Guest: Paul Knowlton, Donnie Carroll

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

B. Accept Minutes of November 3, 1999, meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 3, 1999, meeting.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the November 3, 1999, meeting (Doughty; Leach - motion carries).

2. INVESTIGATIONS

A. William George

Staff reported that Mr. George had entered into a consent agreement to resolve case #97-09. All cases against Mr. George have been closed or filed.

B. Carmel Ambulance Service - update

D. White reported that work continues with Carmel Ambulance Service in addressing the quality of care and service administration issues which were the basis for the complaint against the service. He indicated that the group did not meet in December, 1999, but that work will resume with the new year.

C. Augusta Fire Department - Response

The Committee was informed that staff had been in touch with Chief Bradley of the Augusta Fire Department regarding the department's submission of a plan to insure that cases of unlicensed practice do not recur. Staff will update the Committee at the February meeting.

D. Richard Doughty/Delta Ambulance Service

D. White indicated that licensee Richard Doughty (Maine EMS license #12418) had signed a consent agreement and paid a \$600.00 fine to resolve his case of practice without a license.

E. Christopher Reed

The Committee reviewed case #99-16, Christopher Reed, regarding Reed's conduct leading to, and conviction of, Criminal Threatening, Class D. The Committee noted that Reed was sentenced to 11 months imprisonment, all but 60 days suspended, and one year's probation.

Motion: That licensee Christopher Reed's conduct leading to, and conviction of, Criminal Threatening, Class D in 1999 constitutes violations of § 12.A.4; 12.A.5; 12.A.6(b); 12.A.7(a); and 12.A.19 of the Maine EMS Rules (dated September 1, 1996); that Christopher Reed shall be ineligible to apply for the renewal of his EMT-Basic license # 17719 until he successfully completes probation for his criminal conviction; and, that any and all of Christopher Reed's criminal convictions may be considered by Maine EMS should Mr. Reed apply for renewal following his probationary period (Doughty; Leach - motion carries).

F. Dresden First Responders - New Investigation

D. White reported that an investigation of the Dresden First Responder Service (DFRS) has been initiated based on a complaint received from Kennebec Valley EMS. It is alleged that DFRS has failed to comply with the monthly run report submission requirement.

G. Peter Coffey - Board Fair Hearing

The Committee was informed that the Board will hold a fair hearing concerning the Committee's denial of Peter Coffey's renewal for EMS licensure.

3. Applications

A. John Gibbons

The Committee reviewed information submitted by applicant, John Gibbons, who is requesting licensure at the EMT-Basic level and who has a history of a 11/27/96 conviction for Assault, Class D.

Motion: Motion: That the Board enter into a consent agreement with applicant John Gibbons for issuance of a three year license with the stipulation that upon the filing of any criminal offense against him in a state or Federal court during the period of the aforementioned 3 year license, he will immediately and unconditionally surrender said EMS license to the Maine EMS Board. (Doughty; Leach -motion carries).

B. Thomas Varick

Staff notified the Committee that a hearing would be conducted on Thursday, January 27, at 9:30 a.m., at Maine EMS, regarding Thomas Varick's appeal of the Committee's denial of his application for EMT-B licensure.

4. Other

A. John Sawicki - CEH complaint

The Committee reviewed information provided by the Southern Maine EMS Council regarding an alleged falsification of a CEH roster by John Sawicki.

Staff presented information which indicated that Sawicki had affixed the incorrect CEH number to a roster. The CEH number used by Sawicki was for a previously held program.

According to Donnie Carroll, SMEMS regional coordinator, the CEH program for which Sawicki had used the incorrect number had been approved by SMEMS (but no number had been assigned).

Discussion ensued regarding the roster and issues concerning Mr. Sawicki and Southern Maine EMS. Staff subsequently recommended that

1. John Sawicki receive a letter of warning regarding the need to accurately complete and expeditiously forward CEH paperwork.
2. a letter be sent to Southern Maine EMS regarding:
 - ♦ changes in the CEH approval process to help ensure consistent approval and processing of CEH requests and rosters.
 - ♦ the return of CEH request forms from John Sawicki to SMEMS for routine processing. Several requests submitted by Mr. Sawicki had been forwarded to Maine EMS during the course of this inquiry.
 - ♦ an offer to SMEMS for MEMS staff to assist SMEMS in its review of the CEH approval process

Motion: To approve the recommendations of staff to resolve the complaint against John Sawicki (Doughty; Leach - motion carries).

B. Update on Current Cases

Staff reported that there are 10 cases currently open.

5. NEXT MEETING

A. Set Agenda - To be set prior to meeting

B. Set Date and Time - The next meeting will be on February 2, 2000 following the Maine EMS Board meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drexell White